

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Amended) A substantially purified polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO. 3, 4, 8 or 9, or a homologue thereof having at least 95% sequence identity over the full length of the amino acid sequence and functioning in the suppression of smooth muscle cell proliferation.

3. (Amended) A cDNA encoding the polypeptide according to claim 1, or a cDNA encoding a homologue of a polypeptide according to claim 1 having at least 95% sequence identity over the full-length of the nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1, 5, 6 or 10 and functioning in the suppression of smooth muscle cell proliferation.

8. (Amended) A method for producing a polypeptide of SEQ ID NO: 3, 4, 8 or 9, or a homologue thereof having at least 95% sequence identity over the full length of the amino acid sequence and functioning in the suppression of smooth muscle cell proliferation, comprising culturing a host cell of claim 7 under a condition effective to express the polypeptide, and recovering the polypeptide so expressed.